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Subject: RE: Proposed Source Control Decision - Historical Drainage Ditch Area Rhone-Poulenc Site

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This is a head's up that DEQ is planning on submitting a proposed source control decision for the Historical Drainage Ditch Area portion of the Rhone-Poulenc Site. This source control decision focuses only on the HDD Area of the Rhone-Poulenc site. DEQ is currently working with StarLink to address source control on the reminder of the site.

The HDD Area is located approximately 600 feet from the Rhone-Poulenc property boundary between the BNSF railroad tracks and Northwest Front Avenue. It covers approximately 3 acres. The area is owned by BNSF and the City of Portland. Within the HDD Area there is a ditch approximately 5 foot wide and up to 3 feet deep which historically received overflow from the former Doane Lake and discharged to the Willamette River. The head of the ditch was bermed in 1980, resulting in the ditch currently only collecting runoff from the HDD Area. The only outlet for the HDD Area is a 24-inch storm pipe located at the northeastern end of the ditch that goes beneath Northwest Front Avenue to the Willamette River bank. The source control evaluation review of migration pathways to the Willamette River identified the stormwater and groundwater migration pathways as the only potentially complete pathways to the river. DEQ's proposed source control decision is that contaminant transport pathways from the HDD Area do not pose a significant current or likely future threat to the Willamette River and no further source control action is needed at this time.

DEO will send a second e-mail when we submit the draft source control decision to EPA (2 to 3 weeks) and offer you an opportunity to review & comment. When we submit the proposed action to EPA, we will ask them for a 30-day review turn-around.

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